AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) An image-processing apparatus for processing the image data input from an image-handling device and then outputting the image data to another image-handling device, said apparatus comprising:

black adaptation correction means for correcting the image data ~~in consideration of the fact that adaptation to black varies from person to person,~~ if the darkest points of the image-handling devices differ from each other, so that the colors of the images produced by the image-handling devices ~~look almost the same~~ are similar, wherein said black adaptation correction means utilizes a XYZ coordinate of a black point and a XYZ coordinate of a white point.

2.   (Currently Amended) A method of processing image data input from an image-handling device before the image data is output to another image-handling device, said method comprising the step of:

correcting the image data by utilizing a XYZ coordinate of a black point and a XYZ coordinate of a white point ~~in consideration of the fact that adaptation to black varies from person to person,~~ if the darkest points of the image-handling devices differ from each other, so that the colors of the images produced by the image-handling devices ~~look almost the same~~ are similar.